Steps have been taken to draw up the conceptual plans. Discussinos have been held with the State Governments, the ASI, the NCF and varius departments and agencies of the State Governments to arrive at a consensus on the development proposals and also to secure various approvals for land and other facilities.

IOC's plan on LPG for automobiles

1069. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IOC is devising plans to provide LPG for automobiles;

(b) if so, the other details of the proposals to open Gas Filling Stations in big cities; and

(c) the amount to be invested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has planned to set up LPG dispensing stations at 52 existing Retail Outlets in Metros/State Capitals and big cities in the initial phase. Estimated cost of setting up an LPG dispensing station at an existing Retail Outlet is about Rs. 45 lakhs.

Supply of CNG

1070. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 8th June, 2001 under the caption 'CNG is an unenviable fuel for transport; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps taken to remedy the situation of its smooth supply?